



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Berryman Property Training		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 35, T42N, R5W, MDBM & Section 2, T41N, R5W, MDBM	COUNTY	Siskiyou
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Berryman Property Training Area will be used annually by state and local fire agencies to conduct fire training operations which may include any of the following activities; 1) Hand line construction including brush and small tree cutting, 2) Hose lays, 3) fire engine pumping exercises, 4) Live fire drills, 5) Dozer line construction and piling. These fire training activities will be on-going. This NOE covers the initial training activities and subsequent activities through June 2016. CAL FIRE will re-assess the environmental setting on or before June 2016 and determine if any additional environmental review work may be required for annual activities to continue.

The Berryman property is a 155 acre forestland property consisting of three main vegetation types, Ponderosa pine forest, chaparral (mainly Manzanita) and annual grassland. The owner of the property is a Registered Professional Forester who manages for multiple uses including timber harvesting. The property lies on a prominent hill just to the north west of the City of Weed. Beaughton Creek, a watercourse bearing resident trout flows through the north eastern corner of the property. The property is bounded on the north by agricultural property, to the west by the City of Weed sewage disposal ponds, to the east by Lincoln Heights residential area, and to the south by the Weed Golf Course.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under Class 4, §15304, Minor Alterations of Land, Categorical Exemption to CEQA:

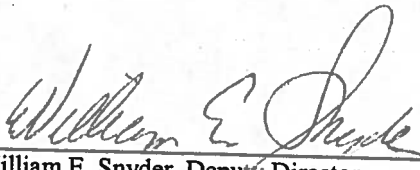
Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CALFIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters in Yreka.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 6/16/11
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